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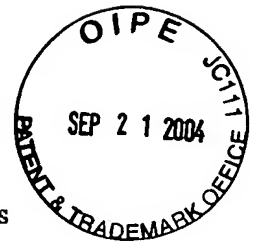
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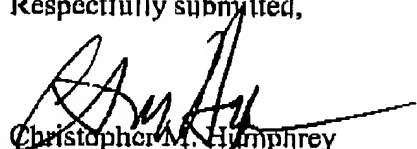
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- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533  
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- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Please charge \$900.00 to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 to cover the filing fee of \$770.00 and the \$130.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
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- ☒ Other: Information Disclosure Statement; PTO 1449; and Petition for Extension of Time
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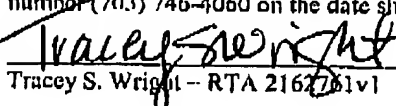
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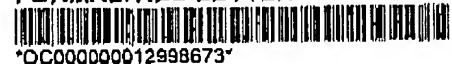
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